

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
11 July 2024

Call to Order: The BOD meeting was called to order by President Larry Miller at 1130 hours at T-Bones in Concord, NH. The Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Miller and recited by those assembled.

Attending: Balcolm, Breuder, Burdett, Day (Roby & Sharon), Dunn, DuVall, Jaffin, LeFebvre, Luti, McLean, Miller (Larry & Pat), Rosa (Guest), Siemens. A quorum of members was officially present.

President's Opening Remarks: Embedded as needed in other places of the meeting.

Immediate Past President Remarks: Greeting from North Conway, all -would someone please forward this email to any BOD members not listed above, my list is not fully accurate.

As the subject line indicates, the following comments are only my initial ones. More will be provided as deemed appropriate based on the meeting's ebb and flow on the 11th. Some of you are aware that Cindy and I are planning to move to Texas in the near future. The house is now on the market, has been for about a week, and we have had several folks take a look. Effective with this e-mail, I am relinquishing my jobs in recruitment, transition, and personal affairs. I would suggest to the BOD that folks who are relatively new, and not burdened by a wide variety of volunteer positions (MOAA, Town, American Legion, etc.) be considered for these slots. I will continue to aid the Chapter and BOD in my role as Immediate Past President, as much as I can from the Lone Star State.

Earlier today, I spoke to Roby Day, and he and I are of the opinion that there is a dearth of candidates that meet the standard necessary for the finance position. In the past, that resulted in the incumbent Chapter President having to take over the financial responsibilities to the extent possible and led to the chapter having to spend a significant amount of money for CPA support. Clearly, a repetition of that situation is not desirable. In order to forego such a circumstance, I am requesting that each BOD member actively assist in the search for a new nominee for the position of Finance Czar and let Roby and I know as soon as feasible about any possibilities.

I have also communicated with Michael, and the situation there is a bit better. Michael has a recording secretary (Drew Breuder), and while I have not yet talked to him directly, I hope that he will continue to cover this aspect of the administrative job. Michael has requested, on many occasions, that we find a qualified person to take over as Webmaster, a job he has held for 23 years. Michael has also stated that he would not mind remaining as the Membership person (it may be time for us to get a new Secretary also, so we can leverage Michael's experience now) and doing the administrative work necessary to produce a new directory every third year. This is a year that task is due. Given the width and breadth of Michael's other responsibilities, I am asking each member of the BOD to consider stepping up and helping us all in the search for a new Webmaster and Secretary. Please let Michael and I know as soon as practical if you have a potential candidate for these key posts.

In closing, it has been a pleasure working with you all over the course of the last thirty plus years.

VP Remarks: Peter passed around some photos of a clambake that we had in 1996. At that time, it was labeled as “NH TROA”. Peter indicated that this was his plug for continuing the annual clambake. Drew stated that since this was the 45th year of the chapter and 40th year of the clambake, have we considered the idea of putting together some kind of a scrapbook related to this event? Peter also had a copy of an old Granite Slate newsletter from 2011. Drew also contributed a copy of the current newsletter to circulate. Peter has also signed up for a program called “Vote in Honor of a Veteran”. You can send an email to the NH Department of State and receive a large pin free. He also passed that around. He is voting in honor of his father, Lt. Col. John D. Burdett, US Army Air Corps who served as a maintenance officer for B-26’s in England and France during WWII. Unfortunately, he had red-green color blindness and couldn’t become a pilot. If he had become a pilot, Peter probably wouldn’t have been born due to the high loss rate of those aircraft in the war. Peter also had information on another program called “Art for Vets” at the Currier Art Museum. If you know someone who could use some art therapy, please give the flyer to them.

Secretary’s Report: Michael said he received no comments or corrections to the May minutes. A quorum was present. A motion to approve the May minutes was made, seconded, and approved by all present.

Bookkeeper’s Report: Roby sent out the treasury reports before the meeting and we’re solvent. Roby sent a letter to the President stating that he is stepping down from these duties effective November 2024. He said that the chapter received an almost \$1,400 check from Tony Burdo for travel. So, we have members using the travel program. Roby stated that he was elected Treasurer in 2012 and he is now dealing with personal issues that prevent him from continuing in this role. He will help us transition to a new Treasurer in any way that he can. Whoever is selected to be his successor will need to be placed on the accounts at the bank before checks can be written and bills paid. Larry asked if any names have been suggested? When Roby took over in 2012, he took the job from someone who had next to no accounting experience. The prior Treasurer was a Marine Colonel who did an excellent job but died unexpectedly. There were times where the chapter had to pay CPA’s \$5,000 to manage the books. It would be even more expensive to do this today. The BOD needs to find someone within this organization who can manage this task rather than seeking outside assistance. Larry said that we have sent out blast emails, advertised in the newsletter, and haven’t had much response. Peter commented that Roby has done a remarkable job and has moved everything over to various spreadsheets and makes the job much better than it has been in the past. Peter is not a CPA or tax accountant, but has worked with finance, but that is much different than dealing with accounting books. He said the main issue is in keeping attention to detail but is not necessarily hard. The way Roby has set this up, the new Treasurer shouldn’t have to be skilled in finance and there are others in the organization who could assist the new Treasurer. Peter’s biggest concern is with the IRS and dealing with the annual submission of our tax-exempt forms. Mainly, he is concerned with the ever-changing IRS rules. Whoever decides to take this on, should be prepared to continue in this role for a few years. Michael asked Roby about Pat Ryan who said she wasn’t interested because she travels. Roby said she has not responded. She had been the Treasurer in another Chapter. She had signed up for the luncheon but didn’t attend. Wayne asked if we needed to do an audit once a handover had been accomplished? He mentioned that they had hired someone to do this in another organization. Roby said that this wasn’t necessary. We had done this once before internally when we thought we had selected another internal chapter member, and this was accomplished by Roby and Gary Terhune. We passed our own internal audit. Peter said that an internal audit is appropriate for this situation. Roby mentioned that over the last several years, our revenues have fallen from over \$100,000/year to under \$50,000/year. This is the cutoff point for the

submission of an electronic return to the IRS. Peter remembered that sometime in the past, the Chapter received a delinquent notice from the IRS, and we rapidly fixed that. Roby stated that filing electronically is not a hard thing to do. We're in great shape as long as nobody leaves us their estate!

The meeting was temporarily adjourned from 1200-1235 for lunch.

Trustee of the Trust Fund: Drew stated that all of the Life Membership and Scholarship investments continued to grow well. The American funds investment dropped about \$35 from May but was still up over \$800 from the December report.

Surviving Spouse Liaison report: Attended an SSL Virtual meeting, April 25, 2024. Discussion to remind all surviving spouses and members to update military ID's by 2025. Drew made a comment that he and Betty had updated their military ID's last October to meet this requirement. Shortly afterward, Drew had to travel to LA and TSA rejected the new ID card because it had an "INDEFINITE" expiration date. The TSA needs a definite expiration date on the ID cards or will reject them. A recent article in the Hanscom RAO newsletter discussed this issue and referenced a MOAA article on this subject. Drew will forward the RAO newsletter to Pat. Attended SSL Virtual meeting May 21, 2024. Doc Ellis was the guest speaking about Agent Orange. He can be reached at Ellisclinic.com. Attended SSL Virtual meeting June 18, 2024. Reminder VA does NOT recognize "Power of Attorney" after death. I inquired if any SSL's from VT we're on the call and no one knew of any. VA website has a fraud packet that might be of interest to members. I sent a sympathy card to Lynn Ober and spoke to her on phone. I mailed her MOAA # to her. Sent a \$25.00 donation to Dana-Farber Gastrointestinal Cancer Treatment Center in memory of LtCol Russell Ober III. Received a thank you from Dana-Farber. Spoke to Kim Wells to make sure she was ok because she did not attend the luncheon in N. Conway. She said "someone" said it was canceled. Spoke to Gerry Wall and she expressed her appreciation for everyone who donated to Building Dreams for Marines. I also received a thank you from them and Gerry. Spoke to Gwen Devoe. She will be coming to the clambake. Many of the surviving spouses would appreciate a table reserved for them at the November annual meeting. I will need a reserved sign for Surviving Spouses for this occasion. HB 1354, veteran license plates for a surviving spouse to keep forever or until the spouse remarries, was signed by the Governor, Chris Sununu, on July 3, 2024! Pat also mentioned the unfortunate accidental death of BG John Pogorek, commander of the NH ANG, on Monday. Pat didn't have an obituary, but suggested the Chapter send something to the family even though he was not a member. He leaves a wife with five children. Peter suggested that we offer his wife a surviving spouse MOAA membership. This was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION

Clambake Discussion: Larry had seen an announcement of the Moxie festival being held in Maine the following Saturday. They had a menu that showed the price of lobster and four or five other items. The point being that they were charging \$40 per lobster plus the cost of added dinner items. So, the cost of food is going up. We must recognize and be prepared to increase our prices. And, our members should realize this fact. Larry passed around their reservation form and costs, which weren't that much different from our projected costs. Also, he mentioned that MOAA National had sent out a blast email regarding our upcoming clambake. Michael mentioned that this blast email would only go out to those in NH who were not members of our Chapter. Larry got a confirmation that Frank Michaels would be attending. Larry also signed a personal invitation to various commanders in the area. There was some discussion regarding the use of the term "Commodore",

past and present. Larry also sent an invitation to the head of the state VA cemetery. Bob Jaffin said that we're pretty much on track for this event. Bob and Jason Mooney, the new OIC of Admin, have already done most of the preparations. Roby said that currently there are only 86 reservations which is disappointing. We still need kitchen volunteers and clean-up support. Gary and Chad had done a tremendous amount of work in organizing the logistics of the food and other items. We know that Congressman Chris Pappas and Kelly Ayotte will attend. Chris Scott will represent Senator Shaheen. He has not heard back from most of the Maine delegation but did get a declination from King. We might get one or two from Maine, but nothing is definite. He will check with Roby next week to get a list over to base security. Mooney has already worked the fire extinguisher detail/issues. Jim had also extended an invitation to the NH Veteran's Home who were interested but felt it would be too difficult for their residents to make the trip to attend. He also extended an invitation to the US Surgeon General and received a negative reply. Wayne Balcom said we will have four of our scholarship holders attending and helping out at the clambake. The Color Guard and podium are already taken care of. Michael asked if we're prepared to play the National Anthem? Yes, we will. Jim O'Brien will also be attending but he will not be an official representative of MOAA National because his father lives nearby in Maine. Roby also asked that when we invite people, he also needs to know what their meal selection will be. Rick Siemens has also reached out to invite General John Kelley but has not had any success so far. Rick was one of his doctors in Iraq in 2008. Rick still might have a back door to the General as one of Rick's retired friends is a good friend of the General's son. Larry spoke briefly about the recent SCOTUS decision about the "Chevron" deference decision which was brought to the court by NE fishermen who were required to pay \$700 per day for inspectors to sail on their boats to make sure they were abiding by fishing restrictions. Maybe next year, the price of lobsters will go down as a result.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Veteran Cemetery Project: Larry spoke to a person at the cemetery and there are plenty of places to place it. He is looking at a 4-foot bench. Estimated cost will be between \$4,000-\$5,000.

NH HB 1283, End of Life Options: Bill failed to pass.

Outings and other activities: Bob Jaffin reminded everyone that we do have a Mt. Washington boat ride coming up on 7 September. The cost will be \$65/person, and we need to determine when the flyer will go out. Everyone should have seen the results from the internal survey, which had about a 30% response rate. Bob had come up with a basic strawman list of events almost every month from now until October 2026. He hasn't shared that list until he received feedback from Larry, Peter, and Gerry Boyle. Since he has received no objections from them, he will distribute this shortly. It is an aggressive plan, but not a commitment. He needs feedback on whether people like the plan or not. He thinks that it costs about \$600 everything we do a trifold to print and mail them. Also, mail rates are again going up this month (second time this year). There are logistics and costs involved in doing this. He suggested doing a quarterly mailing listing all of the upcoming events. This would help with determining planning costs. He emphasized that everyone in the organization will attend every event. Two points he mentioned were that we are not getting the participation rates that other local organizations are getting. His wife goes on some of the trips sponsored by the Dover seniors organization to places like Buzzard's Bay or Boston and these cost around \$165-175/person and they have no trouble filling them up. The two most popular event on our internal survey were also the

most expensive. Other people are indicating that it's the value and quality of what they are getting, not the cost that is driving their choices. He has personally been unimpressed with the meals we've been getting at our luncheons. He will try to get the strawman out in the next couple of days. This will require more involvement from the BOD, especially the newer members. Peter asked how many present have been to the NE Aquarium? Several had and he suggested this as another option for a bus trip. Bob also suggested a trip to the USS Constitution. Michael needed more details from Bob regarding the upcoming boat trip on 7 September in order to put out a flyer. Bob only received confirmation of this trip in the last week as the boat company had recently transitioned to a new computer system and was having trouble figuring out how they did this last time we were traveling with them. Bob also reminded everyone that 2026 is the nation's 250th birthday. He has worked a concept paper with people at FED VIP. He thinks we should be doing a couple of special events. One of the ideas was services to the membership luncheons. As an example, a lunch or dinner with the CODEL (Congressional Delegation) staff, another with VA, not just the VA Medical Center, and state service offices. Another could be with CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services), TRICARE, FEDPOINT, Delta Dental, and Martin's Point. His concept is that each of these organizations have tables at the luncheon and members can talk to them individually, not them each briefing us on their programs. When he meets with the CODEL, they mention that they are not getting feedback on whether or not their contact with VHA is doing us any good, and nobody can explain Medicare, Medicaid, VA, CMS, TRICARE for Life, or regular TRICARE. Start thinking about what you would like MOAA NH do for 2026. This could be a rehearsal for 2076 for those of you who might be still around for the 300th anniversary.

Martin's Point Liaison: Bob will follow up on outstanding issues/bills. Peter went to Brenda Pennels Martin's Point briefing in Manchester about six weeks ago. She had a handout for MOAA and TRICARE which Peter passed around. Bob asked how many people are in US Family Health Plan? Today, Martin's Point is composed of three different organizations. One is new, the other two have been around for some time. Grandfathered members are under US Family Health Plan. There is now a Martin's Point Medicare Advantage plan which applies to anyone who is eligible for Medicare. Finally, there is the US Family Health Plan medical facilities for direct care. Bob is a Generations Advantage member while his wife is still under the US Family Health Plan and just switched to Medicare Advantage because of the reduction in the Part B copay (about \$50/month). He stated that some people didn't realize that at age 65 you are automatically switched over to Medicare and this becomes your primary insurance. Many of the old surviving spouses don't understand this difference. Peter suggested having Brenda Pennels speak at a future luncheon on this topic. Peter related his own experience where Martin's Point was the primary insurance for Suzy's treatment and TRICARE picked up all of the co-pays during her treatment.

New Boston Space Force Base: Larry had filled out a form a month ago to use their recreational facilities next year. Larry and Pat went and visited the community center themselves. It is a large facility, big barbecue, deck, and large parking lot for 40 vehicles. He got a cryptic email response saying that there might be a facility charge depending upon the purpose of your activity was. The civilian security police mentioned that it was for federal civilians, retired military, but not guests. So, the application has been submitted and we'll see what response we get back.

Challenge Coins/Chips: Larry is looking for an alternative to Challenge Coins, of which we still have 30 left. Poker chips are not taking the place of challenge coins. Larry got a sample of one from a nephew who is in a military policeman in a reserve unit in Youngstown, Ohio. He passed his copy around the

meeting to compare it with our current coins. One of his coins had a spinner on it. The American Legion has been giving out coins to JROTC students at the annual awards ceremonies.

MOAA National Survey: No discussion.

VSO Equal Tax Treatment (VETT) Act (S.677): Larry gave Bill a manifest regarding SB 677/HB 1432. There is a 10% rule stating that you can't have more than 10% non-wartime veterans in your organizations. He asked why this can't be changed and was told it was an IRS issue. The AMVETS and American Legion do get involved to allow Cold War officers join any military organization and not violate that 10% rule. Larry sent off an email to Frank Michaels and told him to look at this bill and provide some more support to allow us to put more people into our organization without violating this IRS 10% rule. This issue showed up in 2023 and none of our legislators are on-board with this issue. None of them are sponsors to these bills. Peter asked if this is part of the IRS code that limits our membership so that we can still claim tax deductions for donations? It's a 501(c)(3) code equivalent. Is this what we're trying to affect here and if you get over that 10% it affects your donations? Peter thought that because of the high standard deduction already available, this would only come into play with very large donations like from an estate. Larry clarified that these bills are only for veterans not serving in designated wartime eras. Bill said that this also relates to **federally chartered VSO's** of which MOAA is one. It doesn't apply to other veteran type organizations.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT/Vets Count): Peter said the SVAC meet in May and June, and these were well attended with excellent speakers. One was from the Greater Nashua Mental Health, another from "High and Lows" tours for bicycling, and then there was Andrew Holmes from the Division of Rehabilitation Services from the Department of Corrections. There are currently 141 veterans who are incarcerated in NH between 30 – 85 years old. There are a variety of programs to support these veterans in the Department of Corrections. All of the legislative bills that SVAC supported have been passed, and those they opposed have failed. There will be a new Chair starting in September, and the next meeting will be in October. The SVAC will have a summer picnic on 12 August at the American Legion Sweeney Post in Manchester.

Personal Affairs: Jim Lefebvre said that we need a replacement for him for personal affairs as he is moving to Texas soon. Recruitment is even more important. Tom Goff is in Texas ½ time now, and with Jim moving, we may need a replacement for both soon.

Membership: Since June, there was one new members (Joe Kenney, NH Executive Councilor, rejoined the chapter), one deceased member with a spouse, and zero dropped member for a total of 532. Peter explained what an Executive Councilor was in case anyone was not familiar with this position. The question of chapter levels came up again and Michael explained that this distinction no longer exists.

Recruiting: Larry mentioned that we received a voucher of \$15 for a new life member for one year and National will pay \$15 for two years for that member and for chapter dues for one year. To get that reimbursement, we have to put that person's name in a committee module at National, but the module is not working. So right now, we have the voucher, but no money. Roby mentioned that he and Michael have been looking at people who have paid their annual dues by credit card and noted that there hasn't been anybody signed up from the end of February to the end of June. In the last

week or so, we had a flurry of credit card payments, but we don't know who signed up during that time period because they can't get into the website. Michael thinks no one, but the reason for the flurry of payments was they were responding to his dues letter that he sent out at the end of June. With National's new database coming online, there are a lot of functions that we can't access yet. Sharon mentioned that they also don't return phone calls. They give the main phone number, but not their extension. Jim and Michael mentioned that the new system was supposed to be online by the end of March, but there is nothing currently to bridge the current gap. Peter suggested everyone mention this to Frank Michael when he comes for the clambake. Larry mentioned that he received a survey from National and one of the questions asked whether we allowed non-eligible members in our organization. Larry didn't know why they were asking this question. He didn't know if this was a lead up to allowing NCO's into MOAA. Peter mentioned that we have an application from an NCO who is currently the President of the Council of the Navy League in NH. Michael mentioned that he currently can't join as a regular member because he isn't an officer, but we could make him an honorary member. Peter made a motion to the BOD to approve this recommendation. During discussion, it was asked what we know about this applicant in terms of a resume/biography? Peter was approached by him at an SVAC meeting and didn't know him but gave him an application. Bob Jaffin said that at one point in time, California chapters were actively recruiting people who were not officers and that's how they were growing. He asked Michael whether we can count these people in our reports to National? Michael replied that the organization's name requires that you be an officer. We do already have a few honorary members, but they usually have been providing services to military families such as the Pease Greeters. The Bylaws allows an honorary membership for someone who has done something for the chapter, statewide, or nationally. They don't pay dues, and they cannot vote. They are on the mailing list and can attend functions. Other military organizations routinely ask to see the individual's DD214 before proceeding with any actions. Michael also stated that he is concerned more about what he's doing now rather than his resume. Honorary members are not reported to National. They are in a Category 9 membership status. Categories 1, 2, and 6 comprise our membership. Someone suggested that we have some kind of filter on these types of memberships so that they are appropriate. Michael didn't think that this person would be someone to be concerned about since the Navy League is well known. Bill Luti pulled up a resume for him and read it to the attendees. The motion was finally seconded and approved by all present.

Programs: Gerry Boyle was absent. No report.

Web page: In June we had 900 hits up from 866 in May and 816 in April.

Travel Program: Tony sent the following report: Four travelers recently completed their tour of Spotlight on South Dakota and National Parks. Two travelers scheduled to tour in September America's National Parks and Denver. Two travelers scheduled to tour in October, Memorial of WWII, Normandy, London, and Paris. Two tours for 2025 are under contract with Collette and we are awaiting the final contracts for two more group travel tours. We received a commission check from Collette in the amount of \$1,319.20 which was sent to Roby for deposit.

Scholarship Program: Wayne said we had six applications for next year. They have been approved by the committee. Our current balance in the TD Bank account is \$19,742.22. This will cover all of the scholarships for next year. We have still not had to dip into any of the scholarship investments so far. Bob Jaffin suggested that for 2025, we should consider having a "silent auction" as part of the fund-raising efforts for this program. He needs feedback on this suggestion. Drew mentioned that two of the organizations he is involved with have done this at their annual fund-raising events. However, you

probably need about 20-25 items to bid on to make this worthwhile. This would be done in conjunction with a dinner meeting. Peter mentioned that this could also be done online. Pat said it was more fun in person. Bob felt that all of the major service providers would be willing to donate to this cause.

2024 Granite State Warrior Award: Larry was looking for suggestions for the next GSW awardee. Bob Jaffin suggested Service Credit Union. He has attended their September conferences in the past and has not signed up for this year's conference. They have very heavily supported many of the service organizations, directly or indirectly. He suggested that this nomination apply to the organizational category for the next award. Peter will call Ray D'Amante, who chairs this committee, and discuss this with him. Peter recently met the CEO of SCU and thanked him for his support of veterans. They have been the lead supporter of the airshows at Pease ANGB over the last several years. They also sponsor a veteran's gathering in their headquarters. One of the staff members is part of the Easter Seals "Veterans Count" program in the seacoast chapter. So, their staff is very much engaged in veteran programs, services, and VSO's, etc. Michael asked about a radio program announcer, Jack Heath, who is on WMUR five days a week. Peter agreed that he would also be a potential nominee for the individual award. Peter will mention that to Ray as well. He also suggested that Jack who be a good character to have at one of our meetings. Peter nominated him to attend the national Security Seminar at the Army War College a few years ago and talks about it regularly on his weekly radio show. He is not a veteran.

Nominations – Directors: Sharon said that there were two nominees for the BOD. One of them recruited by Larry, David Rosa, attended the meeting today. There are still three billets empty including one left by Diane Hulsey who has resigned due to medical issues. Her position replacement would be for only one year. She did put an advertisement in the Granite Slate for recruiting for various positions. Michael said that if the changes to the Bylaws get approved in November, then we won't have to fill some of these vacancies.

JROTC Awards/NH Veterans Home: Jim mentioned that he will not be able to do the presentations at Norwich Academy in Vermont next year due to his move to Texas. Larry went to Spaulding and one of the students sent a "thank you" letter to him. Larry is worried about Joe DiChiaro and asked if he is going to continue managing these awards? Roby mentioned that Joe had recently suffered a stroke and was in the hospital for a few weeks. Roby returned his money for the June luncheon because of that. He has not heard from him since then. Jim spoke to him prior to the stroke, and he was interested in continuing at that point. Jim suggested that we started looking for someone else to fill that position. Even if he wants to continue in that role, we should have a backup ready to go.

Granite Slate Newsletter: Drew passed around a copy of the recently completed July issue, not June, since his traveling resulted in a three-week delay in getting the newsletter completed. The final draft went to Michael on Tuesday, 9 July. Copies of current edition were sent to all BOD members prior to the meeting. A previous comment Michael said was that there was no list of "Upcoming Events" as in prior issues. I don't remember this feature, but there was no room in the current issue for this. Also, Larry wanted the Surviving Spouse liaison listed on the bottom of page 1. I have been having issues trying to modify that graphic and will try to revise it for future editions if I can figure out how to do that.

Web Communications: Jennifer wasn't present and there is no report.

Blast Emails: No report. Peter asked if we need to do another blast email regarding the clambake and should we include all of the upcoming events as well? Sharon also suggested adding in the issue of replacing the Treasurer. Larry suggested making separate email blasts.

LIAISONS

ESGR: Peter said that “Boss Lifts” on the helicopters and KC-46A tanker are going on. There are no other changes since last meeting.

Transition Assistance: Jim encouraged everyone to look at the MOAA-NH website and look at the ACAP program. This program needs to be updated. Jim again mentioned that in November, we will be in critical need for replacements for key positions such as the Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice-President. All of these positions are critical to the organization.

Manchester VAMC: Bernie Satterfield was not present. He submitted an email report that everyone should have gotten.

Final Words: Michael has copies of the new Chapter Operations Handbook to give to members. He only brought 10 copies to the meeting. He also had some copies of a comparison between the old and new Bylaws.

Next Board Meeting: No comments regarding this item.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1400 hours which was seconded and accepted by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

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